

**House Bill 27**  
**Establish Wireless Enhanced 9-1-1 System**

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**House Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications Committee**  
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Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, for the record my name is Jeff Brandt. I am the Deputy Chief Information Officer of the Information Technology Services Division (ITSD), within the Department of Administration. The Statewide 9-1-1 Program is administered by the Department. I would like to introduce Ms. Becky Berger, the manager of the Statewide 9-1-1 Program.

I am here as an informational witness for HB27. Neither the Department of Administration or the Administration is not bringing this bill forward.

Last session this Committee considered HB775, a bill that would have also provided cost recovery for wireless enhanced 9-1-1. The Department opposed that legislation because of policy and technical defects in the bill. HB775 failed. Subsequently, HJ45 requested an interim study to determine the options and funding mechanisms for deployment of a statewide wireless enhanced 9-1-1 emergency telephone system. The joint resolution passed; however the resolution did not receive sufficient votes to entitle it to be addressed by an interim committee. Subsequent to the vote on interim committees, the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee expressed an interest in the issue of 9-1-1 cost recovery. The Interim Committee asked to be kept appraised of the efforts of a working-group of the 9-1-1 Advisory Council that was drafting a bill. ITSD provided administrative support to the task force. The results of that working-group is the legislation you have before you today.

Our office (Statewide 9-1-1 Program) would administer the actual payment of invoices to the carriers, and you will see the costs of that effort reflected in the Fiscal Note.

You will find additional information regarding the existing Statewide 9-1-1 Program in the 9-1-1 report filed last week.

I am available to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you.